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FROM Mr. Preston, MERRA, to Mr. Randall

No.

Dated 7th July:1944

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WR : Refugees.

Civilian and military experts for Algiers.

States that his name was put forward to be considered for the position of a civilian expert for despatch to Algiers in an advisory capacity. Points out that now U.N.R.R.A. has taken over control of all such matters, and requests Foreign Office support of his candidature for this mission when the question is under consideration by U.N.R.R.A.

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References.

(Print.)

(How disposed of.)

Dft to Mr Dudley Ward (UNRRA) from Mr Randall July 19.

(Minutes.)

Q. Comply.

Dft to Mr Dudley Ward.

Ian L. Henderson

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Yes: we shd. track this up. Mr. Preston has done good work.

Anth R.

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Personnel Dept.

(Action completed.)

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Personnel Dept.

Mrs Scupham
Pl. Thank
PJ

NR
DR 77/37/8

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original for entry
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PJ 13/7

Dear Randall

7. July. 1944

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In the changed circumstances it is probable that UNNRA will send the civilian expert, and I should be most grateful, should the question come up for consideration by UNNRA London, if you would supportmy candidature for this mission which would keep me busy until something else turns up in my own official line. Needless to say that after four years unique experience in refugee and relief administration I am full qualified for the job.

I am sending a copy of this letter to David Scott.

yours ever.

Thos Preston

R. Randall Esquire C.B.E.
Foreign Office

OFFICE OF THE MINISTER RESIDENT IN THE MIDDLE EAST

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Mr. Dudley Ward,
U.N.R.R.A.,
European Regional
Office,
11, Portland Place.

(from Mr. Randall)

Sir D. Scott first.

Personnel Dept.

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I have added a few words at the end.

FOREIGN OFFICE (Refugee Dept.),
3, Cleveland Row,
St. James's, S.W.1.

19 July, 1944.

Dear Dudley,

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Matthews, who was asked by G.H.Q. to recommend the civilian expert, suggested Thomas Preston who has been second-in-command under Matthews in charge of refugee work at Cairo with the local rank of Counsellor of Embassy. He was on the point of leaving when the question suddenly arose of UNRRA accepting liability for this new refugee commitment.

Preston now asks that should the question be considered by you we should support his candidature. This we have no hesitation in doing since, after four years' unique experience in refugee and relief administration/

administration he is fully qualified for the job. Lord William, too, writes very highly of Preston & since Colt Collier's present job is likely to come to an end shortly, has written privately to Cadogan strongly recommending him for advancement.

Smith, if you do not want him for the post at Algiers, we shall place him elsewhere. I shd be delighted if you could let me have an early reply. We hope however that you will be able to make use of his special qualifications for refugee work.

AWGR

(AWG Randall)

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